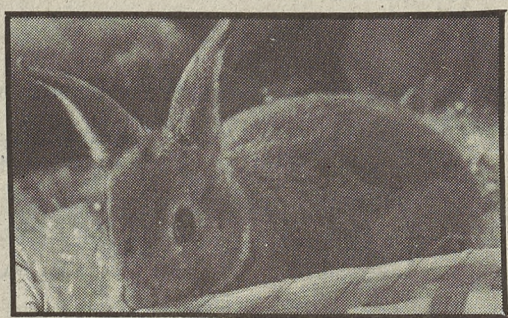


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NEWS BRIEFS

LAVC demographics tallied for 1990

Los Angeles Valley College demographic figures were tallied in a recent interim accreditation report.

According to the report, Valley continues in its position as the most diverse college in its mix of socio-economic, ethnic and age factors of the nine colleges in the district.

The student population has changed slightly with the majority percentage of students being in the 20-24 year old range.

In addition, the report found that 25-34 year olds represent 29 percent, 35-54 year olds make up 22 percent, with 18-19 year olds representing 19 percent of the student population.

These figures, the report said, confirm that there has been a decline of the traditional 18-19 year olds while there is a possibility of growth among 20-24 year olds.

There is a stabilizing of growth among older and returning students and the growth in numbers of women attending LAVC continues as well.

The report also noted that the Asian, Black and Hispanic populations continue to increase while the White population continues in its decline.

Lastly the report showed that the enrollment figures of 1990 show that students are taking a greater number of units and more students attending on a full-time basis.

Health Fair Expo scheduled for April

The 14th annual Health Expo, scheduled for the week of April 12-21, will provide students with free health screenings and information.

The Expo, which is one of the nation's largest health fair events, will include six basic screening stations: health history, height, weight, visual acuity, optional blood panel, and health consultation.

In addition to these stations, the Expo now features the "heart learning center" which includes activities and educational material on how to keep your heart healthy. "Health Update '91" will also be present to provide the latest information and educational material on AIDS.

The fair also offers a variety of optional screenings which may include dermatology, hearing, podiatry, dental, glaucoma, allergy testing, prenatal information, and other valuable, educational activities.

The fair is open to everyone, and is free. Screenings are provided for adults 18 and over, and all materials are available in English and Spanish.

Easter Food Drive

The ASU is sponsoring a canned food drive for the homeless. The specific item they've requested is canned vegetable soup. Cans can be dropped off at the library, administration building, or in the ASU office.

Let's do lunch...



LEN LY / Valley Star

NOT PICKY — Pigeons continue to invade not only the outside, but the inside of the cafeteria. Due to the continuing shortage of funds, cafeteria help has been cut. In the past, they have cleaned the tables. Because students do not throw away their trash, there is plenty of food for the pigeons to pick through. The pigeons have learned to go into the International Room anytime the door is opened.

Profile:

George's hits 20th

The old food snack on the railroad tracks, George's, will celebrate its 20 year anniversary in the early part of April.

George's, named after its owner, George Keppel, is known for its low prices and good food.

On April 2 or 3, Keppel said for an anniversary special he is going to lower his prices to the way they were in 1971.

He said the reason the prices are so low is for the students.

"My prices are reasonable because college students and the

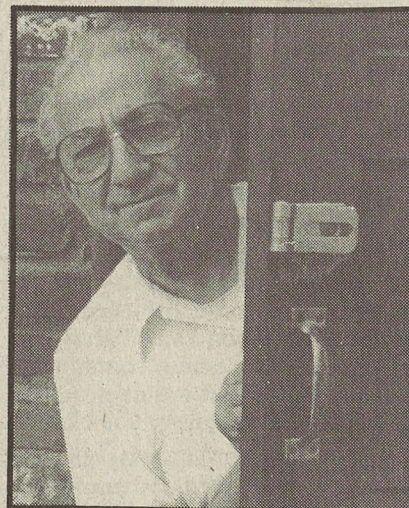
working men that come here don't have a lot of money," Keppel said.

Keppel said that business is fairly consistent. Although he doesn't get as many students as he used to, he is still able to pay the bills.

"Breakfast is pretty good," Keppel said. He added that his other meals are also tasty.

"The biggest thing is our burgers," Keppel said.

"My prices are reasonable," Keppel said. "It's good for business because I give a good sandwich for a good price."



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George Keppel

Commuter rail creates concern

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Editor in Chief

A proposed commuter rail line through the San Fernando Valley will not affect businesses on the corner of Burbank Boulevard and Fulton Avenue, according to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. Business owners, however, are unsure of their futures on the corner.

Judi Smith, administrative assistant for the San Fernando Valley area of the LACTC, said that a commuter rail would not be running through the area, rather, it would be a subway system. No businesses would be affected because a subway runs underground. The station would also be underground.

"That's probably eight years off," Smith said. "The first thing built would be a commuter rail that would run across Roscoe Boulevard and Reseda Boulevard, that would be near CSUN."

"The next possibility would be a monorail that runs the center of the Ventura Freeway."

"Probably the last thing to be erected would be the subway," Smith said.

Tom Graybar from Alcalá's Body and Paint Shop on the corner of Burbank and Fulton, said he has heard mixed reports too but is also unsure of the situation.

"I heard they were looking for a spot here last year to make a rail station. I haven't heard anything since that," Graybar said.

Graybar said someone from the City of Los Angeles came in Wednesday and looked at the railroad tracks and parking lot before talking to someone inside. Graybar did not know the circumstances and no one else from the shop was available for comment by press time.

Graybar has heard rumors about the use of the Southern Pacific tracks at the corner. He said he thought the right-of-way property was under a 20-year lease and the city wasn't able to purchase it.

A Park and Ride station has been spoken of as a possibility for the Burbank/Fulton corner, as well as Parking Lot at LAVC. Smith said the LACTC has been considering various locations for Park and Ride stations, but they are not sure of the exact areas where the lots will be.

The subway would run up Chandler across to Oxnard Street. During the cross exists LAVC, where the Burbank/Fulton station will sit.

Smith said although this is a proposal, "they've pretty much decided [to put a station there]."

Because a subway runs underground, no businesses on the corner will need to be destroyed, Smith said.

AFT reaches agreement

By MILES GRANDFIELD
Staff Writer

The Staff Guild of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has reached a tentative labor agreement with the Los Angeles Community College District, after intensive negotiations that have gone on since July of 1990.

The guild, which represents more than 950 clerical and technical employees on the nine college campuses in the district, will bring the contract before the general membership for final approval April 20.

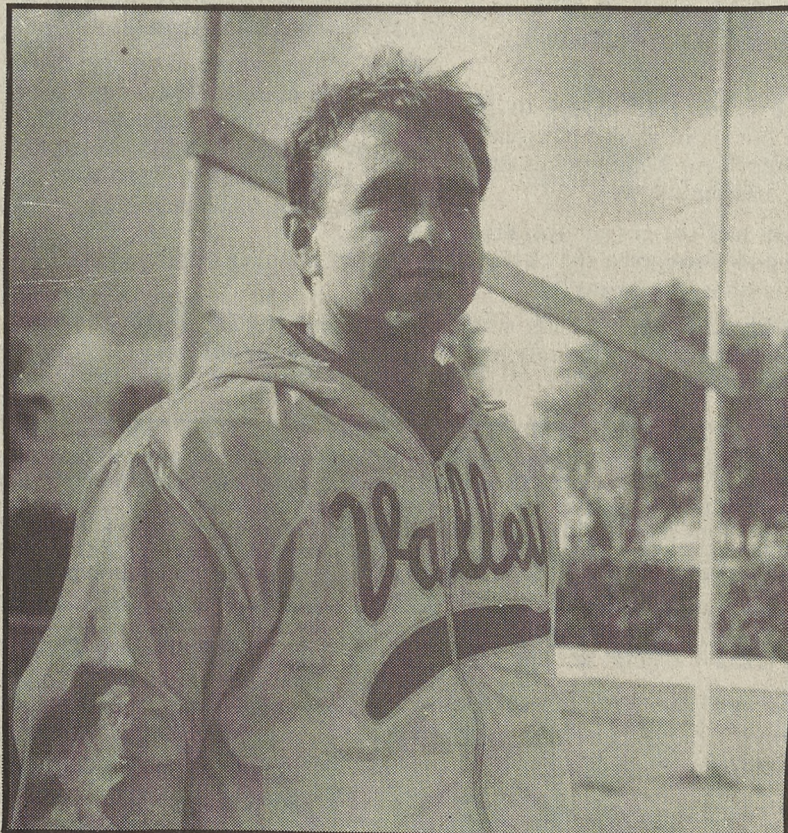
Among the provisions included in

the agreement are: two extra days off (Christmas Eve and New Years Eve); increased professional development funds which provide some reimbursement to Guild workers for retraining and educational opportunities; vision care for workers who use video display terminals (VDTs); and an article providing a smoke-free environment which takes effect one year after the date of ratification.

To encourage staff workers to quit smoking, the latter article provides educational and support programs with release time to enable smokers to attend non-smoking

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Men's athletic director to retire in June



JOHN PHILLIPS / Valley Star

James Fenwick

By CATHERINE GUNN
Staff Writer

The retirement of Valley College men's athletic director could redistribute positions in the men's physical education department.

George Goff ends 27 years at Valley in June after overseeing all men's intercollegiate sports teams here since 1972.

His teaching career spans 40 years, including the years from 1964 to 1972 when he coached the Monarch football team.

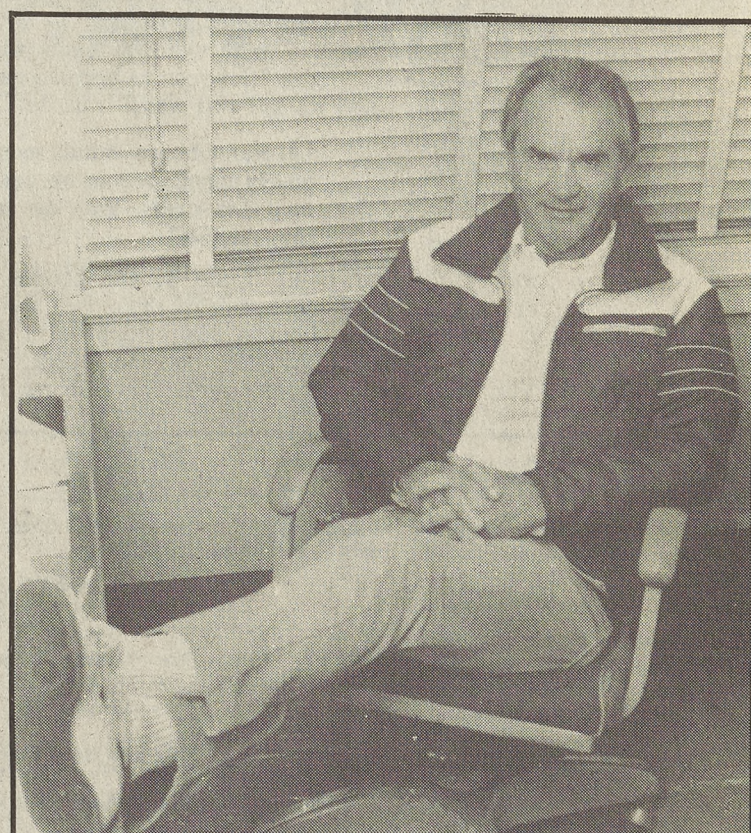
"It's time for new blood," said Goff, who is 62. Chuck Ferrero, head coach of the Monarch football team, told the *Star* he will apply for the outgoing athletic director's position.

Earle "Brick" Durley, administration sports representative, has not officially opened the application process, nor announced the members of the selection committee. He said this information would be available next week.

However, Goff and Durley will be on the committee, which will include Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administrative services, Gary Honjio, chairman of the men's physical education department, two coaches and several faculty members, said Goff.

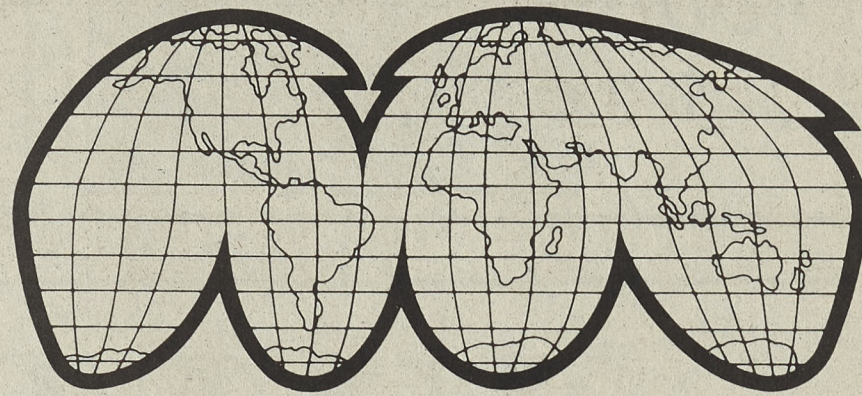
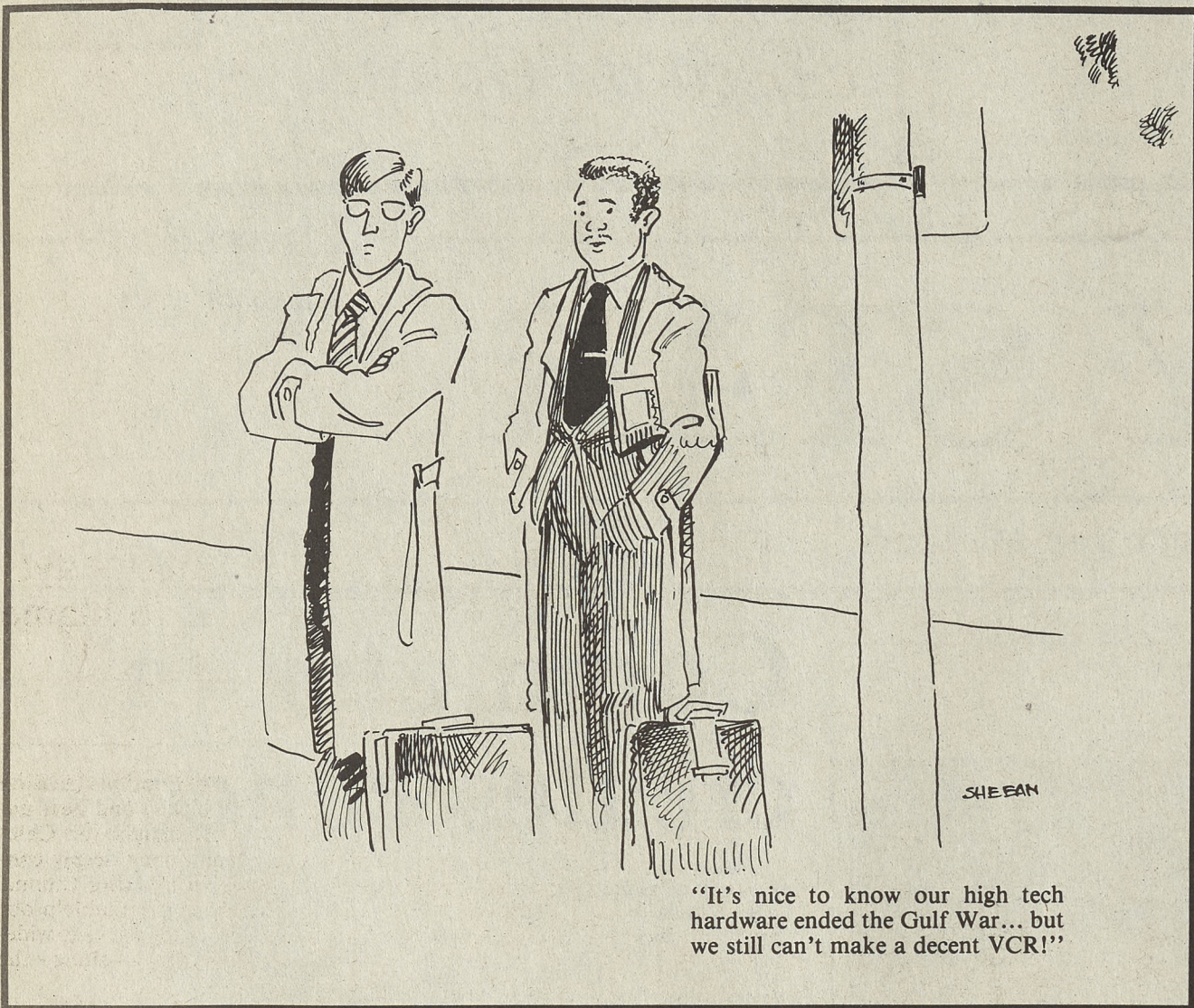
"I recommended the process be over by March," said Goff, because, "there's a lot to learn in this job."

Goff looked back on the demise of six intercollegiate sports during his tenure, but is glad "we saved most of the programs since Proposition 13 cut-backs." (Please see COACHES, page 4)



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George Goff



Pollution continues to be a problem throughout the world.

Recycling still up to individuals

By ANNA VILLA
Sports Editor

The recycling program at Valley that was supposed to begin last semester is reminiscent of gray days that only threaten to bring much needed rain to our drought ridden land.

With the preoccupation of the war, however justified, and the endless battle over budget cuts in the school system, the recycling program has consequently taken a backseat in matters of importance.

Last year a recycling committee, headed by Charles Long, was put together to initiate recycling in different departments throughout the LAVC campus.

Plans included placing trash cans for aluminum cans only throughout campus, mulching leaves and other gardening debris, and recycling cardboard and paper.

So far only a couple of trash bins for aluminum cans have been sighted, although plant facilities has gone through with mulching and recycling cardboard.

Yet the program seems to be lacking in the drive to continue its efforts to help the environment.

Mary Ann Breckell, vice-president of administration and a member of the recycling committee, acquiesced that the program has had its difficulties in getting started because of the budget, shortstaffing in the administration and the custodial department but she says a lot of planning is still being done by the committee.

How long is it going to take until

these plans go into effect? Another year? Perhaps two? More?

Environmental problems require immediate attention and it seems that if we all did our part in the matter we wouldn't have to crowd the administration's schedule with recycling or other environmental projects.

Perhaps we should take matters into our own hands. Nothing radical, mind you, just something that will further the environmental effort.

When there is a sincere concern over serious matters such as saving the planet we all live on, there shouldn't be a problem in doing something simple.

Setting out a trash can outside each building that separates aluminum cans from other trash and recycling the vast amounts of paper used throughout campus would help the recycling movement at Valley get started.

Adding to the lack of participation in the recycling effort, is the continuous use of styrofoam cups and plates throughout campus.

Richard Raskoff, an LAVC instructor in earth science and member of the environmental group, Valley Green, says the group has been pushing the administration to replace the styrofoam cups with paper, however the issue had been dodged because of the higher cost of paper cups.

"If we keep asking questions [about when the matter will be settled] things will probably happen faster," Raskoff said.

That is exactly what we all need, for things to happen faster; and that is all we are asking for.

Granted, extra costs for recycling purposes can be overwhelming in an already limited budget, but if people volunteered to help, surely they will find ways to overcome the monetary obstacles.

It is sad and appalling that one must consider students, administrators, business people and politicians apathetic when it comes to cleaning up the earth. Isn't it already enough that terrifying numbers of animals are dying because of the numerable oil spills that have occurred lately. Forests around the world are being obliterated and the ozone layer is being depleted, all to benefit the human race.

There is nothing beneficial in a world where dolphins and other sea animals are washing up on beaches or the mountains cannot be seen through the thick cloud of smog.

Although helping the environmental effort at Valley will not help the earth on a grand scale, perhaps we should keep in mind that we would be able to say that we are doing something.

Furthermore, we would be doing a lot more if we can each implement a recycling program of our own at home. Is it idealistic to think that future generations would make recycling a routine part of their lives? Perhaps not, because many people care, just not enough to make a noticeable difference right now.

Take part in helping Valley become environmentally sound. Become part of the elite few who care and act for the future benefit of the earth.

Letter to the Star

Student demands individual action

Editor,

I was very impressed with an article in the *Valley Star* [March 14] concerning the Panamanian issue.

I, myself, have friends and relatives in Panama and find it hard to believe the official Washington version of the incident(s) that happened down there, too.

The truth of the matter has yet to be revealed and, for the most part, probably will never fully be disclosed to the public. Military intelligence (the great oxymoron) will keep this silent for the sake of national security.

For, ironically, as I have friends in Panama, I also have friends in the

military who served in Panama at the time of this incident. Needless to say, the overall picture is grim.

The final cost has yet to be assessed. Innocent lives were destroyed by the actions of our "policing" in Panama.

If America has to send soldiers anywhere in the world, for whatever reason, we — the people — must be held accountable for allowing our representatives to send our soldiers to do what others see as our dirty work.

Americans cannot afford to be passive in this day and age against the military industrial complex: we must stand firm and demand that our wishes be recognized by our government.

In short, if we didn't want our government to get involved with Panama, then we — as a united people — should have made our wishes firmly known in Washington, D.C., in December, 1989.

I must agree that the facet of finding peace for the world must be found through other means (besides force and war).

The ideologies of government must change, too. But there are no clear-cut solutions to such complexities. We, as people, can only do the best we can with what we have, in order to try to do the most good. How we go about doing it ... is entirely up to the individual.

Ethan Guler
LAVC STUDENT

By JESSICA J. CHAVEZ
Opinion Editor

I am fed up with people who treat homosexuals as if they have some incurable disease. I'm not a lesbian but I do feel that generally speaking, people don't know enough about homosexuality to make an educated judgment about them.

Homophobia: irrational fear of homosexuality or homosexuals.

Jeff Nelson, a former LAVC student, had been my friend throughout the semester, later I found out he is gay.

"Yikes," I thought, "what do I do now? Jeff is gay?" I've never known anyone who was...gay, what do I say to someone "like him"?

I decided to ask Jeff straight out and find out what homosexuality is about.

Q. Are you gay?

A. Yes

Q. Are you ashamed of being gay?

A. No, I am afraid for my own safety, peace of mind.

Jeff explained that many gay and lesbians share this concern, they are afraid for themselves because of the hostility they receive from others.

He was six or seven years old when he figured out he was gay, but his parents were just told three years ago. "It was hard for me to tell them because it just wasn't something that is expected."

He was born in Upland California along with five brothers and sisters some of which still don't know. After years of denial, Jeff openly accepted the truth "Yes, I am gay."

Q. You chose to be gay?

A. No. Many people believe that gays exist by choice, that they become gay; that's because they do not understand the gay community and what we have to go through.

Jeff said that being gay is not a matter of choice, he was born that way. It is a part of his life that he learned he had, taught himself how to live with and now feels comfortable with being gay.

Q. Is this...hereditary and is anyone else in your family gay?

A. No, my brothers and sisters and parents are all straight.

Q. What do you think about those who do not respect or accept your ways?

A. I do have an understanding of them, being raised in a conservative, religious atmosphere.

Jeff was raised a Fundamentalist Christian which, he said, can be one of the worst enemies to the gay and lesbian community.

"Why would anyone want to do that? [choose to become gay] Want to live this way," said Jeff.

Q. Some homosexuals seem to purposely insult people because by the way they dress. Why do you think they do this?

A. Some of the people that do come out of the closet, don't know how to deal or cope with being gay so they become outrageous and flamboyant. This distorts the image

of who we are and what we are about.

"Coming out of the closet," is the term used for openly admitting they are homosexuals and coming out of their hiding the truth.

Q. What makes coming out of the closet the hardest?

A. There is a major downfall for the gay community. Other minorities can't hide their identities, but the gay person can. The situation the gay and lesbian community finds itself in is that it makes others fearful of coming out of the closet.

Jeff explained that being able to hide their true identity causes a downfall for them and a challenge. If more of the public can see them, they may get used to it especially if they knew it is okay, it wouldn't be so offensive either.

Jeff was wearing a gray pair of casual pants and a white cotton shirt. His overall look is clean-cut and pleasant. He strikes as a person who is educated and sensitive; Jeff doesn't look or act insulting.

Q. Do you get any hostile threats, if so, what are your feeling about this?

A. Yes. Homosexuality is the last thing okay to hate. Anti-gay people go as far as calling my phone machine and saying things like "You [gays] have more rights than what you deserve."

But it is not only the anti-gay people which discriminate against the gay and lesbian population

"The most offensive thing is that on a daily basis, people in general assume you are straight; it doesn't occur to them. Lack of awareness and sensitivity puts a real burden on the [gay] person," said Jeff.

Q. Which factors have you noticed that are the cause for despising homosexuals?

A. Once somebody finds out that you are gay they are offended by it. People as a whole generally associate being gay with sex, that's only one aspect of it.

Q. So what's another aspect of being gay?

A. That's not the only thing that makes up my personality; there is more to me than just that. People should look at the whole picture of what a person is. Look beyond the skin color or sex.

Knowing how hard it is to be gay, Jeff said that standing up for each other as gay people are all factors which make it a difficult identity to have.

"There is no role model to us through our confusion, or somebody to represent homosexuals in a positive, affirmative way.

Q. If you had the chance to relive your life and were given the choice, would you chose to be gay?

A. Yes, because my character was built, challenged and ultimately has made me a better person.

Q. Do you have advice for those who are gay or lesbian and are afraid to make it known?

A. Yes, come out as graciously as possible. Put an end to fear and discrimination.

Q. What about to those that are straight?

A. Become aware of it because it is important to get past those fears and stereotypes.

It seems as though most people characterize homosexuals as walking hormones and fear that they are going to pick up on you if you get near them, or that all gay people walk a certain way and hold their arm up in front of their chest as if they have an invisible arm cast.

Trying to understand homosexuality doesn't make you one. Accepting their ways doesn't hurt.

Being a homosexual was just something that Jeff learned was a part of him.

Some people believe that homosexuals are at fault, that they are abnormal; this is not the case. Homosexuality is not a fault. Take it as an opinion; who's to say whose opinion is right or wrong?

If you, at any given time have felt oppressed because of your race, color, religion, sex or any other circumstance, remember that you wanted to be understood and have your human rights respected.

Being oppressed and oppressing others is the highest form of hypocrisy I've ever seen.

Don't do to others what you do not want done to you.

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LAPD controversy:

Should Gates resign?

PRO: Who is Gates really "Protecting and Serving?"

By JAE LEVINE WEISS

The first thing Police Chief Daryl Gates did when he was forced to respond to the public outcry over the taped beating of Rodney King, was to preface his apology with a reference to King's parolee status.

Then he told the audience that King had been apprehended in a "high speed chase." He made allegations that King had been "under the influence."

In a thinly disguised expression of his own prejudice, he publicly implied that the terrible beating was justified by King's status.

What Gates did was to cover up appalling behavior on the part of his police department. Gates has excelled at such cover-ups since he assumed the position of Chief.

That talent of his is one which the City of Los Angeles can ill afford.

Long before the media exposed it, Gates had seen the computerized conversations between officers involving racial slurs; and if he hadn't, he certainly should have.

Long before it was revealed to the public that there were more than 15 officers at the scene, Gates knew that there were in fact 27 peace officers present; and if he didn't, he should have.

At the very instant he saw the tape, he should have demanded every available bit of information about the incident, including the names of each and every peace officer at the scene, the exact text of each and every computer message, and each and every voice recording.

All of this information could have been gathered and released to the public in the first hours after the incident.

The early revelation of the truth would certainly have gone a long way to dispel the common belief that the cover-up extended to the highest levels of the police department, perhaps even the office of the Chief.

Chief Gates seems obsessed with protecting his troops, while at the same time, fact finding and truth are given little or no priority.

Gates must have also known before the public did that King was not in fact going more than 60 MPH.

Gates knew that there had been 27 officers at this little party, and yet not one officer disagreed with the police report fabricated to cover the behinds of those involved.

Gates also had to know that witnesses at the hospital heard a policeman taunting King about the beating, referring to it as "batting practice."

Gates knew far more than he was willing to make public. As Chief of Police, how did he handle what he knew? Did he conduct a vigorous investigation? Did he try to find out

why there were so many officers at the scene?

Did he demand the arrests, or the badges, or public explanations? Did he instruct the suspects to cooperate in the FBI investigation?

Gates did none of the above. He minimized. He covered up. He got defensive and abrasive. When forced into accountability, he blamed the victim.

He lied. And then he called the incident an aberration.

What is frightening about the King incident is not merely that such a vicious "aberration" could happen even once, but that King's case could very well be just the tip of the iceberg.

If there is even a remote possibility that the LAPD is run by a bunch of armed and dangerous thugs who have official permission to terrorize and bully the community, one would think that the Chief of Police would be anxious to do whatever was necessary to eliminate that possibility.

That he would weed out the problems, and encourage his officers to live up to their obligations to the public. But Gates is doing none of these things.

What he is doing instead is verbally attacking anyone who raises questions about problems in the department. What he is doing is hiding facts, lying, and abusing the public he is hired to serve.

What would Gates have done if 27 black men had beaten up on one of his Men in Blue? The situation would certainly have been handled differently had the victim of senseless violence been a cop.

Some people say that Gates should not be forced to resign because of the actions of others. But despite the fact that Saddam Hussein never set foot in Kuwait City during the Gulf War, most people around the world hold him directly responsible for the torture of innocent people, for the massive oil spills, the systematic looting of the city and the oil well fires that are blackening the sky.

Hitler was not a SS officer murdering millions in death camps, he was just the Fuhrer. Responsible? You bet. Somebody sends the signal, by direct order or by looking the other way, that brutality is acceptable.

Defending Gates is obviously in the best interest of his police officers, because they know he will continue to defend them against all criticism. His most loyal and vehement supporters would be those who have been permitted, with impunity, to brutalize and terrorize the public.

Gates has made a mockery of the police motto, "To Protect and Serve," choosing instead to protect the police and to serve his own selfish interests, with little regard for the public.

Police brutality no new face for lower-class

By JESSICA J. CHAVEZ
Opinion Editor

The recent incidents regarding police brutality in Los Angeles are nothing new to me, especially after having taken a course in criminology with Pat Allen, LAVC sociology professor.

The class explores the sub-culture of cops and explains why police abuse such as the incident with Rodney King occurs regularly and is covered up discreetly.

Our entire lives we have watched TV programs such as *Hunter*, *Miami Vice*, *21 Jump Street*, *CHIP's*, and other cop shows which portray good-looking, dedicated self-sacrificing cops or detectives. In the movies, cops are perceived as the "good guys" who put their life on the line "to protect and to serve" civilians, and they are truly devoted to the community.

A far cry from the truth, but this is great all-around public relations for the image of police officers.

Sadly enough, most people believe in the superficial image that is presented on the screen and allow for the facts of life to be blurred by fiction.

I am not saying this of all policemen, but I do believe the police are "instruments" of laws and policies. They are supposed to maintain order and enforce the law, but in reality they enforce class, social, sexual and cultural oppression.

I agree with the sociology textbook, *Order, Law and Crime*, by Raymond J. Michalowski, which says the police force "was not created to serve the general people of our society or community, rather than protecting the interests of some members of society."

Namely, the "elite" class. Law enforcement or cops were created for those who wanted a better grip on the people that made up the community.

In the early 1900s, miners were being oppressed by their superiors. They were forced to work under deplorable, unsafe and hazardous conditions. They were not only treated unjustly, but were scimpily paid.

The workers finally organized and voiced out their complaints. Protests and strikes escalated and the mine owners demanded the workers be stopped by the police. The police force obliged.

Instead of addressing the issues that the mine owners were violating the miners' human rights, the miners which were protecting their rights ended up in jail and were beaten.

The owners of the mine, who were operating their companies illegally or dangerously, went untouched and unquestioned.

The same thing happened to the "Oakies" and farm workers in California, civil rights demonstrators in the South and thousands of others.

Today, these situations still prevail. The working class (especially the African American and Chicano people) are unjustly picked on, abused, arrested and many times killed.

Kids won't be lied to anymore. When they're watching TV and decide to flip the channels, they will run into images of the beating on that videotape and will probably be confused. Cops are supposed to be "nice" people. Children were told by their "mommy and daddy" that they could trust cops and will bring them home if they ever got lost.

Do you really think a child, after

seeing the videotape, will still perceive a cop as a good guy?

I know for sure that my image of the "super-cop" would be shattered if I was younger. Now I know better. Police brutality runs high in the LAPD. Again, I can not classify all cops, but based on what I have read and seen, the Police Academy does institutionalize racism and set the tone for discrimination and "Selective Enforcement."

Looking at the other side of the coin, I also sympathize with cops. Although this does not justify their actions of police brutality and oppression of ethnic minority groups, the situation the policemen find themselves in on a daily basis are horrendous.

Policemen are not social workers or miracle workers. Society's problems of crime, rape, drugs and violence are thrown upon them. Where is someone supposed to start to mend all these social problems?

The textbook calls this "Selective Enforcement." I call it a screwed-up system which corrupts and divides its citizens into the common people and the elite.

In a way, it is fortunate that King's beating was videotaped. Now many people who never were exposed

to police brutality can grasp this reality.

In *The Choirboys*, a novel by Joseph Wambaugh, a former cop, he describes a real life view of what police officers go through.

One situation, where a man shot his brains out but was still alive, was a gut wrenching experience for the policeman to witness. But it was all part of the job; his shift wasn't over yet. He went back on the field and on to the next day.

In another situation a young gay person was incidentally shot by a cop, and another officer justified it by saying "It was a park fairy! He shot a park fairy!" like it was no big deal.

The author suggests that police officers instinctively show "hostility and insensitivity toward the Third World people, youth, gay people, drug users and radicals."

Social, Law, and Order describes all these minority groups as making up what cops consider the "dangerous class." Claiming the dangerous class as the source of riots, violent crime and other actions that disrupt the social order.

According to cop belief about the dangerous class, it is their "sub-culture" which causes such delin-

CON: Gates must stay; he's not to blame

By CATHERINE GUNN
Staff Writer

The public outcry against the Foothill Division police officers who savagely kicked and beat unarmed Rodney King was swift. Demands for Chief Daryl Gates' resignation came from many deeply concerned, including the American Civil Liberties Union.

This is the first time there has been irrefutable proof of police brutality, say those who claim abuse is widespread. Now we can prove what we knew all along—the LAPD uses excessive force.

The rest, the naive, who saw the cops as the good guys, have been too complacent, believing that police brutality was a relic from the past.

Chief Daryl Gates made the same mistake. Had Gates known the racist attitudes and the outrageous behavior of the sadistic officers existed, then he would be to blame for ignoring these unprofessional and cruel actions.

Rather, the chief has been lied to, through falsified police reports, perjury, and cover-ups by fellow officers. He's been duped by people he put trust in. Betrayed by the clean-cut, close-shaven men in neatly pressed suits who deny reports of ex-convicts, the down and out, the poor and uneducated.

Gates has been conned, been a victim, along with the public. Who would you believe if it were a police officer's word against a stranger making a complaint, someone who potentially lays down his life or someone who may have, in the past, been guilty of violence as bad as that of those he accuses?

The resignation of Gates would not punish the people closest to the officers, who therefore have access to their true feelings and know first hand their characters. It would only show that officers Wind, Powell, Briseno and Koon won't be held completely responsible. And they should be. They were given instructions in the police academy to do otherwise.

Anyone sympathizing with our justice system knows that every accused is guaranteed due process. Police who behave like vigilantes, beating suspects who "deserve" it, are acting outside the standards of the Los Angeles Police Department.

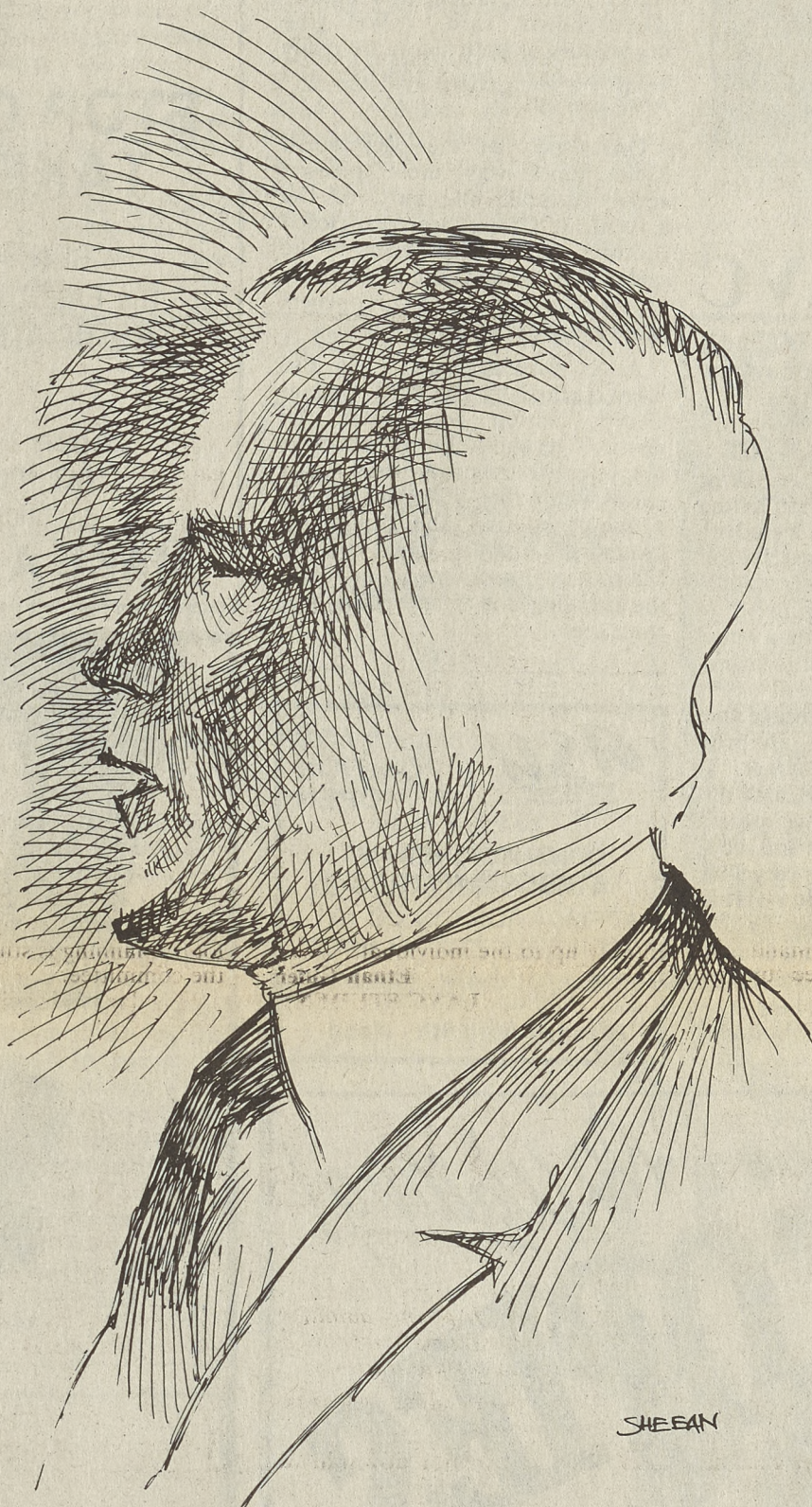
The co-workers of these men and their immediate superiors know more about the cops' daily behavior than the head of 8,000 employees, who sits in an office in Parker Center. Gates and his predecessors can dictate policy, but insuring that every single police officer will regard it is another matter.

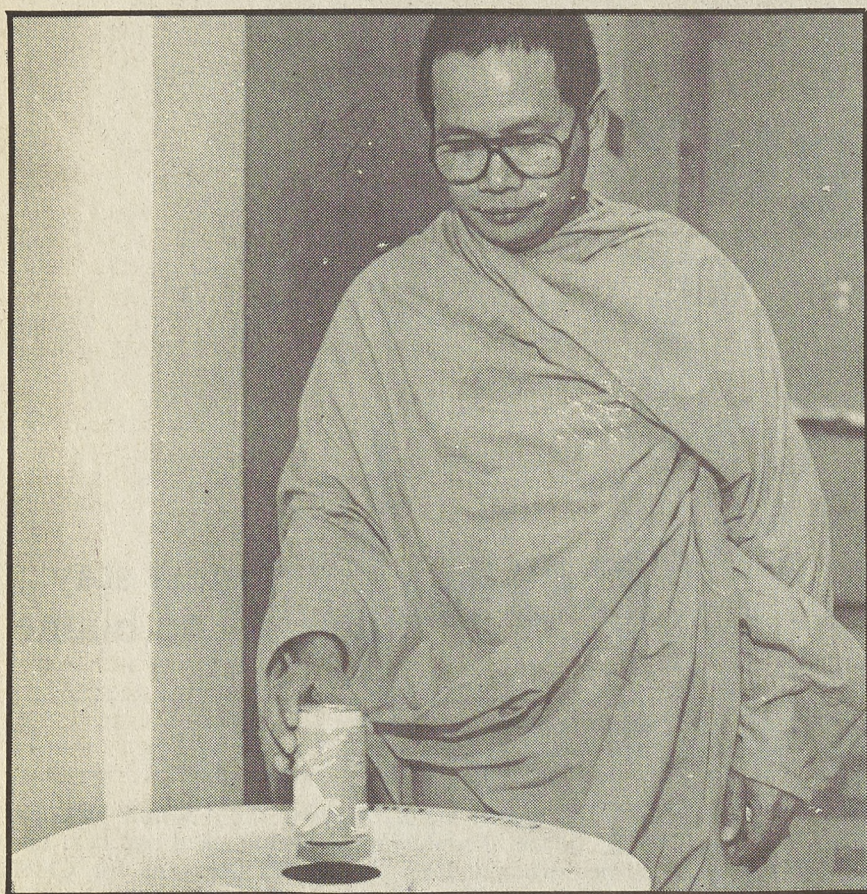
Gates-must-go articles have been written and speeches have been made for political purposes, to get support among the Black and Latino voters. It has become another litmus test of conservatism among city council and local politicians. Proximity to election times has our council afraid to discuss the issue.

By bringing up Gates' past public relations fiascos, detractors have found an easy target. Gates is unpopular with minorities. But the image should not be on trial. The ACLU, which has a reputation for defending the most unpopular of defendants, calls for his resignation, denying him his due process and his chance to be heard.

Gates must stay as a symbol for all the good cops who risk their lives and make competent, humane decisions under the worst pressure there is. Why should anyone be punished for something he didn't do, didn't witness and staunchly deplores? His resignation will come eventually, but not because of the Foothill animals.

Gates should stay around to be active in their termination from the police force and active in supporting the officers who uphold the law.





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RECYCLING — Sethhacik Pimhin recycles.

Program begins at LAVC

By PHYLLIS MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

Helping the environment is the goal of both administration and students as they attempt to establish a recycling program at Los Angeles Valley College.

"The program is in place but very small," said Mary Ann Breckell, vice president of administration, who fostered the program in the Fall of 1990.

"We're doing little things all the time," said Breckell.

Charles Long, operations services manager, and a member of the recycling committee, described some of steps they have taken. The committee has installed clean paper receptacles in various departments and in the mailroom.

Recyclable cardboard is collected at the bookstore, and bins for cans stand at several locations throughout the campus.

The various items are collected, stored and, when volume warrants, taken to a recycling center.

At present, Long said, the yearly cost for trash removal is \$50,000. A "viable campus-wide recycling program" is the goal of Robin Keith, president of Valley Green, a student group. She feels more receptacles for recyclables and signs for better visibility will promote interest in the program. She is also arranging for a waste management expert to visit the campus and provide suggestions.

However, manpower, storage and transportation, said Long, are problems faced within the program.

The volume of recyclables at the college does not warrant the interest of vendors who will pickup and recycle the items. The items for recycling must be handled by college staff.

Money generated by recycling is returned to the program but it does not, at present, cover the costs of time and supplies. Long is looking into grants available to help institutions.

AFT...

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health programs.

Two additional articles maintain health benefits and a one-hour lunch, which the district had proposed to reduce.

"I expect that our people will be pleased that our health benefits and lunch periods have been secured", guild President Barbara Kleinschmitt said. "I see no obstacles to ratification by the membership."

There will be no salary increase until 1992 when any cost of living allowances (COLA) will be determined by State budget committees in Sacramento.

"I am disappointed that we haven't been able to arrive at a figure for COLA increases," Kleinschmitt said. "We [the negotiators of both sides] are really going to have to get together and work this out."

One aspect of the pact which Kleinschmitt was most pleased about regarded the term of the agreement. "It is a three year closed contract with no reopeners," she said. "For the last several years we have had to fight contract reopeners brought forth by the district."

A tentative agreement has also been reached by the AFT College Guild, which represents the district's teachers, but details were not released by press time. Other guilds within the AFT which are still at the negotiating table include the campus Police Guild, the Maintenance and Operations Unit, the Building and Trades Unit, and the Supervisors Unit.

COACHES...

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Valley's men's athletic budget was cut 52 percent, whereas in the state the average cut was 10 percent, said Goff. Seven sports survived: cross country, track, football, baseball, swimming, water polo and basketball.

Goff has fond memories of winning the state swimming championship four times and the state baseball championship in 1981. In 1975, the Monarchs were leaders of

the toughest football conference in the state — the Metropolitan. That year's team was ranked one or two in the nation depending on the poll, said Goff.

Goff looks forward to playing golf and living in Northern California. He has two sons and one daughter.

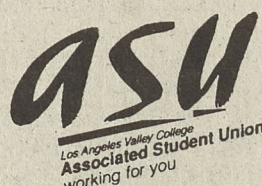
Jim Fenwick, assistant football coach, may be Ferrero's replacement if the latter replaces Goff. Fenwick was on a leave of absence after 1987-88 season. He returned to Valley after three seasons at two

four-year colleges, Miami (at Ohio) and Pacific.

Fenwick was head coach at Pierce College from 1981 to 1985, during which time the Brahmas won three Southern California Conference Championships.

The logical process, if Ferrero becomes athletic director, would be for Fenwick to take Ferrero's job, said Goff.

Goff said although he will make recommendations to the selection committee, "the football coach does not always get the job."



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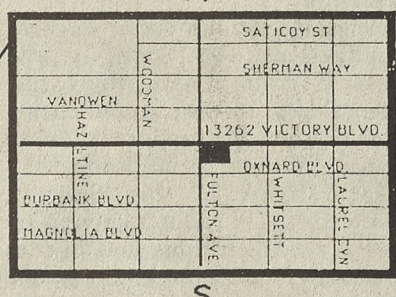
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Fox learns *The Hard Way*

By JUDITH WAXMAN
Staff Writer

Anyway is the right way to see *The Hard Way*, a contemporary action comedy, which takes place in New York, where a serial killer stalks the streets around Times Square.

New York homicide detective John Moss (James Woods) is determined to catch the killer, daunting and taunting him on national TV.

Also watching TV is Nick Lang (Michael J. Fox), an action-comedy star who wants to be taken seriously. Lang is tired of playing cute, comedy roles and is determined to change his screen image.

Anxious to play the part of a tough New York detective in an upcoming

film, Lang decides Moss would be the perfect model for his character.

"He's tasted fear; he's been to the edge," Lang tells his agent, complaining, "No one wants me to grow up."

Lang gets the studio to fix it so he can spend the next two weeks with Moss, to "taste his world, walk his beat ... nail the part."

But Moss doesn't like Lang, even before he meets him. Moss, a seasoned New York cop, protests to his captain that he doesn't want to "babysit" some actor.

His star-struck captain lays down the law: "You got two ways to deal with this; the easy way or the hard way." Against his will, Moss is stuck with Lang.

Gung-ho to be grimy and gritty, Lang, wearing dark glasses and a mustache to disguise himself, is en-

chanted to be with Moss in the ghetto, until his cellular phone is stolen out of his hand, while he is talking to his agent. Still, Lang loves realism. "Ever kill anybody?" he asks Moss.

Moss explodes: "We live this job; it's not something you learn, it's something you do. You get 17 takes to get it right; we get one take."

Taking to the streets, Moss, armed with a real gun, and Lang, armed with a fake gun, are joined in battle to catch a serial killer.

A spoof of the genre of buddy cop films, *The Hard Way* has two clashing characters, who have nothing in common.

In a brief role, Penny Marshall, of TV's "Laverne and Shirley," is Fox's agent.

The King of broadcasting

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Editor in Chief

Glen King, professor of broadcasting at LAVC, loves music.

The evidence? Possibly, the more than 100 songs he has written.

Songwriting, however, represents only a fragment of his achievements in the entertainment industry. King, who has been at LAVC since 1982, also spent years as a D.J. on three Los Angeles radio stations in the 1960s.

His biggest claim to fame, though, is his songwriting, something he still does.

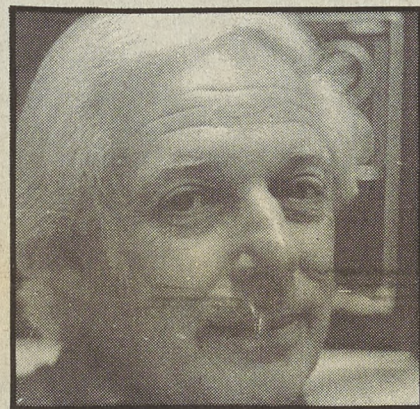
Just a few weeks ago, one of his songs, "Talk About Us," was performed on the television talent showcase "Big Break."

In 1988, he reached number 15 on the country charts with "Somebody Wrong is Looking Right," recorded by Bobby Helms, best known for singing "Jingle Bell Rock."

Even more noteworthy was his song "Midnight Words," recorded by country singer Janie Fricke in 1983. "Midnight Words" stayed on

the country charts for 27 weeks.

King has also written gospel songs that have been recorded by various singers. His songwriting has not gone unnoticed within the music industry.



In 1985, he won the International Songwriters Contest, sponsored by the New York Songwriters Hall of Fame, for "Silhouette." He received the \$25,000 grand prize for the song.

Just a couple weeks ago, the CBS Evening News crew descended upon LAVC to interview King.

King offered his opinions on a cur-

rent battle raging between the television networks and producers of television shows. The fight is over the profits received when a show is sold into syndication (repeats broadcast on independent stations).

"They [the networks] are entitled to a piece of the action," King says. "Right now the rule favors producers. They make millions of dollars from syndication."

King says the rule, which was enacted by the Federal Communications Commission in 1970, leaves producers out in the cold.

"I believe the rule has to change," he says. "The quality of network programming is decreasing and the network system is in jeopardy. They're being squeezed out by the production companies for money."

CBS found to King through a student. "One of my students works for CBS. He heard people talking about it and said, 'Hey, my broadcasting professor knows about this.'"

So King donned a suit and tie for the interview, but wore athletic shoes since the camera wouldn't catch his feet. This eclectic professor enjoys variety.

Valley has flair for *Opera*

By FRAN EBLINGS
Staff Writer

"Please refrain from throwing your orange peelings on the stage," was how director Calvin Remsburg opened Sunday evenings production of the *Opera Populaire*. The enthusiastic overflow audience at the Little Theater of LAVC was largely made up of music students and those enamored with eighteenth century opera.

Remsburg then presented a discourse on eighteenth century theater practices, which was cleverly written and performed. He skillfully transported the listener back to the days of Mozart. To say that Remsburg, who is currently appearing in the Los Angeles production of Phantom of the opera, has a commanding stage presence is putting it mildly.

Tamra Shaker preformed the role of Serpina from Pergolesi's *From Maid To Mistress* gave a vibrant, and endearing performance. The fact that Miss Shaker had only one day to rehearse was not evident as she was called in as a back up for the original actress Candace Roger-

Adler who was at the last minute stricken ill.

From Maid To Mistress is a clever Opera which takes place in the quarters of Umberto sung nearly to perfection by Carlo Thomas. His rich voice and acting ability were visible in this extremely versatile character actor. The audience delighted in his antics as he asks his servant Vespone (John Thomas O'Conner) to go and find him a wife. His maid Serpina (Shaker) overhears the conversation much to her surprise and dismay. She was under the impression that he loved her. Serpina is hurt and jealous, in desperation she decides to fight fire with fire and convinces Vespone to disguise himself as a suitor with matrimony on his mind. This enrages Umbarto who finally realizes he is in love with Serpina. The opera ends as Umbarto proposes marriage, and thus he turns his maid into his wife.

After a brief intermission Mozart's singspiel *The Impersario*, was performed with a libretto by Ms. Previn, based on the original by Gottlib Stephanie the younger. It is easy to see why Mozart has endured the passage of time. He was a

genious whose music is forever timeless. The cast of *The Impersario*, shined as their delight in singing his beautiful music was evident.

The action takes place in a theatrical office in Vienna during the late eighteenth century. Mr. Remsburg graced the stage singing the role of Herr Eiler, adding another distinguished performance to his career.

While Mr. Carlo Thomas sang the role of Herr Frank, while a gifted Richard Gould added to the evenings brilliance as Buff. Once again Tamara Shaker took on the two female leads as Madame Silverklang and Miss Sweetsong.

All musical accompaniments, including Mr. Mozart's overture, were played by Miss Sandra Rohr. Miss Rohr (as Musical Director) spent the first twelve years of her professional career as musical director/pianist at various opera restaurants in California and Colorado, including Mario's in San Diego and Verdi's in Santa Monica. In addition to accompanying and coaching many local singers, she leads her own vocal performing group *Les MS*.

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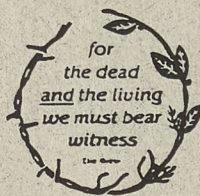
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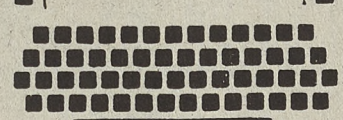
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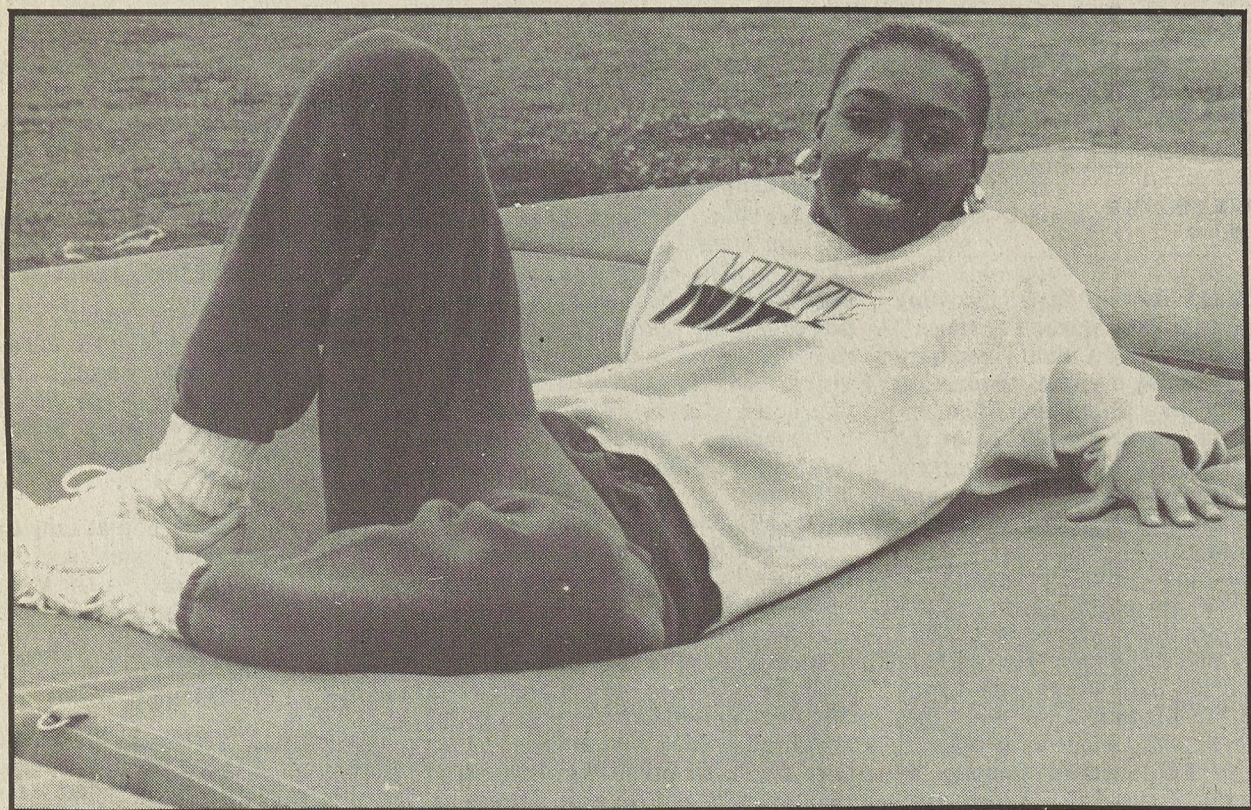
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HARD AT WORK — Melanie Clark relaxes on the high jump mat before practice. The track star ex-

cells at all aspects of the heptathlon but she says her favorites are the high jump and the 400m.

Profile: Clark strides toward Olympics

By ANNA VILLA
Sports Editor

Running with the swiftness of a hungry jaguar after its prey, Melanie Clark crosses the finish line with a victorious grin. The 19-year-old sophomore leads Valley's track team for her second season returning this as state and national champion in the heptathlon.

"I just like to win," said Clark. "I feel determined, strong and hungry to win; I like to dominate, and I like it to be a very noticeable win. I don't like it when people are too close to me."

Sitting in the track office sporting a New York Mets jacket and sweats, the 5'11 sophomore modestly said she has already qualified to enter the Olympic trials in the heptathlon.

Clark said she does get a little intimidated by competition from four-year colleges, but she said this only fuels her performance. "I run

my best when I'm scared. You can't be too confident because you always think there is somebody out there who is better than you. I love it when I build up my speed and just stride. If there's someone ahead of you, it's something to just reach out and grab them and pull them back," she said.

Much of her confidence and motivation comes from Valley's track coach James Harvey and her boyfriend, Albert Fann, a football player for CSUN who is about to enter the NFL draft. "Sometimes it's hard to really believe in your coach; I can tell that he (Harvey) really believes in me. The times that I don't know if I can do well, he knows I can do well and I just go off of on that," she said. Meanwhile, Fann always makes sure she exercises, eats right and doesn't get sidetracked. "He (Fann) makes me think clear, that 'I'm the best', and you have to think that way if you want to be the best."

Of all the recruiting offers, Clark said she will probably sign

with USC and go for the Olympics. Clark plans to always be a part of the sports world even after the Olympics. She plans to major in exercise science.

However those are not her only goals. Clark said she plans to get married and have a family. "I think by '93 I'll be married. I know some people won't believe this but I'm a real down-to-earth homeperson, like a housewife."

In the meantime, Clark is enjoying the recognition she is receiving however, she does admit it gets tiring sometimes. "It's an honor in a way but sometimes I feel weird because he (Harvey) puts me as the example so many times. Especially when he compares me with the guys. I'm sure everyone out there is my friend but I'm sure they're sick of hearing about me," she laughed.

Clark will represent Valley at the heptathlon championships on April 2-3 at Mount Sac and she said she is confident of attaining a good spot in the winner's circle.

Moorpark outshines Valley

By G.L. MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

A seven-run, third inning outburst highlighted Moorpark College's 14-hit attack as they defeated visiting L.A. Valley, 11-6, in a Western State Conference game last Saturday.

Valley dropped to 6-15-1 overall and 3-6 in conference as they committed five errors and hit four rallying double plays.

Steve Trainor (4-3) suffered his third straight loss as Moorpark scored three in the second and seven in the third to take a 10-2 lead through four innings of play. Trainor was roughed up for seven

runs on six hits, a walk and two errors as he could not escape the third without relief help from freshman, Tony Ljubetic.

Ljubetic recorded the final out of the third and proceeded to shut down the Raider offense for the rest of the game. He gave up only one run in five-and-a-third innings striking out three and scattering five hits giving the Monarchs much needed relief in a game that had gotten completely out of hand.

A third inning linedrive homerun by Sean Lewis and an RBI single by Jess Cenicerros accounted for Valley's first two runs of the game. The Monarchs scored four runs in the ninth to trim the outcome to

11-6 but they never seriously threatened Moorpark's lead.

Valley hit into four double plays which shot down many of their scoring opportunities. The Monarch's lack of clutch hitting proved to be their downfall as their offense was reduced to a whimper by Moorpark's starting pitcher, Mike Jenkins.

Five uncharacteristic errors by the Monarch defense combined with Trainor's ineffectiveness allowed Moorpark to cruise to an easy victory. "I didn't think Trainor was real sharp," said Valley head coach Chris Johnson. "But he's my ace and I have to keep him in there. Give him a chance to right himself."

Women outrun top SoCal teams

By ANNA VILLA
Sports Editor

The Monarch track team is "running on schedule" according to coach James Harvey. The team made a good performance at the Easter Relays held at Santa Barbara last Friday where they raced against the top teams of the Southern California league.

Harvey said the meet was a tough one but the women's team held top ranking positions all around.

Melanie Clark brought a first place win in the high jump (5'8) while Jennifer Stewart slid into se-

cond (5'6) and Laurie Mertes took fourth (5'4).

Clark also took first in the long jump (18.11) and Stewart placed second in the javelin throw (1.31).

The women's relay teams placed second, third and fourth in the mile, 400m and 800m respectively.

"The women had an outstanding day," Harvey said. "They broke even with the other teams. Jill Cameron and Shaunte Parker especially ran way above their heads."

The men's team however is still hurting over a lack of athletes since many have been injured. Robert

Scott took first in the long jump (24.01) for the only significant win at the meet. "The men are about three weeks behind schedule; We just don't have enough people, the team is just too banged up. I have seven men carrying the load of twenty and others just haven't come full circle which doesn't help strengthen the foundation," Harvey said.

Harvey is hopeful that Clark will once again take the championship title at the heptathlon championship April 2-3. Clark will be defending her title as the only competitor representing Valley.

Swim teams soaked by Cuesta

By ANNA VILLA
Sports Editor

The Monarch swim team did not seem to garner enough speed in a meet against Cuesta last Friday which resulted in a decisive loss, 61-154.

According to Bill Krauss, head swim coach, Cuesta's team had too much depth for Valley to overcome, something he had known beforehand. Krauss said the team could have tallied more points if he had not shuffled his swimmers around in different events, but he said that was the only way he could know how his team would perform later in the

conference championships.

Although the men's team lost by a large margin, 20-83, Adrian Popescu took second in the 200 individual medley (2:25) and the 200 breaststroke (2:29.03). Tim Fredericksen was able to place third in the 1000 freestyle (11:30), dropping 28 seconds from the last meet, and third in the 200 butterfly (2:31) and the 200 breaststroke (2:31).

Kisa Kirpatrick, who is still nursing a cold, took second in the 50 freestyle (26.08), the 100 freestyle (57.03) and the 100 breaststroke (1:16.02). Jennifer Bartley dropped her time and took second in the 100 butterfly

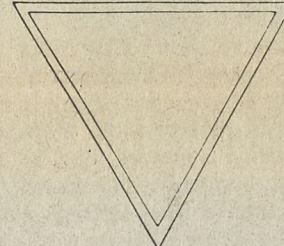
(1:09.07) and the 100 individual medley (1:09.07).

David Stelzer and Ray Smith placed third and fourth respectively in the diving competition.

"Realistically the men's team is in the middle of the pack; we just don't have enough quality and depth; we should place around fourth (at the conference championships). The women's team should be in the top three," Krauss said.

The Monarchs met El Camino yesterday for a non-league meet, results were not available at press time. The team will go against Santa Monica Tuesday, April 9 at 2:30.

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